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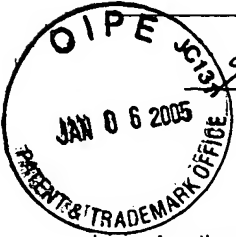
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has enclosed a copy of an Australian Office Action recently issued in related Australian Patent Application 2002219336. The date of the action is November 1, 2004. Applicant has also enclosed a copy of Form PTO-1449 listing the documents cited in this Search Report as well as required copies of the documents themselves. Applicant requests that the Examiner review these documents prior to making them of record in this application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 97(c). The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no fee is required for this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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